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7 June 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT

: Meeting with of the

Orlando Committee, Thursday,

1 June at 11:30 a.m.

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1. At request I saw him on your behalf on Thursday, 1 June. He explained that he wanted this opportunity to tell me what he was doing in order to push the concept of the Freedom Academy which the Orlando Committee has been devoting time to for several years. He said that he hoped that the Agency and yourself would be able to back this proposal with the Congress.

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advised me that he had spent a half hour with Colonel Walmsley, presently working with General Maxwell Taylor, about two hours with Admiral Arleigh Burke, had also talked to Mr. Siegenthaler, in the Attorney General's office, and Leigh White, in the White House. He said that it had been his hope that General Taylor would put some recommendation on the Freedom Academy in his report.

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3. is highly exercised over the lack of research in depth in what he calls "non-military combat". He orated at some length on this particular subject, although acknowledging that he had little or no knowledge of what CIA did in this area. I did not enlighten him.

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individual named who fought with the Maquis in France and later with the French in Indo-China. Grant seemed to feel that the has unique qualifications in this area.

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5. At the conclusion of our discussion, I thanked for his courtesy in calling on us; told him that you regretted very much being unable to see him; and assured him of our continued deep interest in his efforts.

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(*through Mr. James E. Smith, in Senator Mundt's office)

Suggestion: It seems to me that we could benefit considerably, public relations-wise, if we indicated deeper interest in this Freedom Academy and particularly in the so-called education in "non-military combat". In this regard, your VFW speech has attracted wide interest.

I would suggest that we set up a series of briefings for Congressmen and senior Government officials on the subject of what is being done in the Government in training in "non-military combat". I also think that we could benefit by assembling a compendium of all non-governmental education in this field. Our compendium would be more complete than anything done by a private organization like the Orlando Committee. It would be unclassified and we could use it as a public relations media.

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick Inspector General

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